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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 25 EUROELECTIONS: HIGH APATHY, LOW TURNOUT, BIG STAKES

Classified By: Political Counselor Ted Tanoue for Reasons 1.4 (b) and ( d ).

[1](#)1. (SBU) Summary: Romanians go to the polls Sunday to vote for representatives to the European Parliament and to decide a referendum on electing Public Unenthusiastic About Two-for-One Vote -----

[1](#)2. (SBU) Romania will hold its first elections for the European Parliament on November 25. While initially scheduled for May 13, the EP contest

[1](#)3. (SBU) President Basescu has injected an additional layer of complexity by calling a referendum on reforming the current electoral system, t

[1](#)4. (SBU) Thus far, the electoral race has been marked by an uninspired campaign by a slate of mostly unknown EP candidates. Public apathy is r  
Electoral Bellwether  
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[1](#)5. (C) Recent media polls and data shared with us by various contacts show surprising consistency. The PD appears poised to take some 35-40 pe

[1](#)6. (C) Voter mobilization may become the critical factor. The UDMR campaign is running scared, given the independent campaign of Reformed Bish  
Similarly, this is a make-or-break test for the nascent PLD.

With polls suggesting that they are pulling in between 4 and 5 percent of the votes, the PLD is pulling out all the stops in mobilizing support  
Negotiations Intensify for a possible PNL-PSD Cabinet  
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[1](#)7. (C) This will be the first real electoral test since the legislative elections of November 2004, and after three turbulent years of domesti

[1](#)8. (C) PSD legislator Victor Ponta said that PSD President Geoana was now exhorting the party leadership to "get ready" to join in governance

[1](#)9. (C) Asked about negotiations over cabinet positions, Ponta echoed Motreanu in remarking that any real horse-trading would take place only a

[1](#)10. (C) Comment: Despite widespread public apathy, this may well turn out to be an important election. Historically, the PSD has always held p  
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